

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
APRIL 1, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on April 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Merz, Spokely, Thompson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Worthington, Elder

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director;
Lance Lowe, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer,
Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 585 High Street (Southwest Silver) - File HDR 08-10.** The applicant requests approval of two 17.13 square foot wall signs, one window painted sign, and paint color changes for Southwest Silver located at 585 High Street.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. He provided details about the signs including colors, materials and sizes. The applicant also proposes to paint the exterior of the building. The building has been vacant for several months. Staff recommends approval of the signage and exterior improvements.

Comm. Kidd asked if the sign on the side of the building will be centered on the facade.

Planner Lowe replied that a condition has been added requiring that the sign be centered over the facade.

Comm. Kidd said that she feels it would be more visible if it was placed closer to the edge as it is shown in the staff report.

Planner Lowe replied that the applicant has driven by the building and determined that it would be more visible to passing motorists if placed closer to the corner.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Tom Keough of 585 High Street in Auburn explained that the signs are dedicated to the benchmark colors of jewelry. He is not interested in changing the railing, but would like to paint it.

Comm. Briggs asked why the Indian is facing in the opposite direction on two of the signs.

Mr. Keough replied that the signs were created this way by the sign artist because of how people will be looking at the front of the building versus the side of the building.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kidd said she would prefer to see the sign on the side of the building placed closer to the edge.

Comm. Spokely recommended removal of the condition requiring that the sign on the side of the building be centered.

Comm. Thompson **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-13 as modified with the omission of Condition #3, approving two wall signs, one window sign, and paint color changes as shown in Exhibits B-E.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES:	Merz, Spokely, Thompson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Worthington, Elder

The motion was approved.

VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
Director Wong reminded the Commissioners to respond to the e-mail regarding the Hillside Ordinance Workshop.
- B. Future Planning Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting on April 15, 2008.
- C. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting on April 15, 2008.

VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant